

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AUTHORITIES, ALL  
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL UNITS OF THE  
STATE OF DELAWARE

RE: PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO A SEVERE  
WINTER STORM/SNOW

WHEREAS a Severe Winter Storm, involving predicted accumulations of  
over a foot of snow with drifts creating substantially higher accumulations has  
already begun in all three counties of the State of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the predicted weather conditions will likely create life-  
threatening conditions and treacherous roads in Delaware;

WHEREAS, the predicted weather conditions threaten power outages and  
destruction and damage to properties throughout the State;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ruth Ann Minner, pursuant to Title 20, Chapter  
31 of the Delaware Code, do hereby declare a State of Emergency for the entire  
State of Delaware, effective 9:20 a.m. on February 16, 2003. The nature of the  
emergency is heavy snowfall and potentially high winds. Along with such other  
actions authorized by Title 20, Chapter 31 of the Delaware Code, I specifically  
direct and authorize that:

1. Until further notice, no motor vehicles are to be operated on any  
road in the State of Delaware, unless such vehicles are being  
operated by authorized personnel responding to the State of  
Emergency or other emergency situations;
2. In order to enforce paragraph 1 of this Order, state and local  
officials are directed to remove abandoned vehicles from roads in  
the State of Delaware at the expense of the vehicle owner;
3. The Delaware National Guard is activated to assist in storm-related  
response efforts;
4. Government entities subject to bidding requirements are exempted  
from those bidding requirements for the purpose of purchasing  
materials necessary for responding to this snow and wind  
emergency.
5. I authorize the Delaware Department of Transportation and the  
Delaware State Police, in consultation with the Delaware  
Emergency Management Agency, to order such bridge and road  
closures as necessary to protect the health and safety of the public.
6. The Delaware Emergency Management Agency shall activate the  
State Emergency Operations Plan and cooperate with federal  
entities in making applications, if necessary, for relief and  
assistance for those towns and communities adversely affected by

snow and winds, pursuant to the State Emergency Operations Plan of the State of Delaware and any potentially applicable federal disaster or emergency relief laws, including, but not limited to, the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. The director of DEMA, or his designee, shall be the Governor's Authorized Representative with respect to interaction with FEMA.

7. I reserve the right to take or direct state or local authorities to take, without issuance of further written order, any other necessary actions authorized by Title 20, Chapter 31 of the Delaware Code to respond to this emergency.

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Governor

Attest:

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Secretary of State